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News Release

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Weather Update

More than 200 traffic accidents were reported yesterday within the city limits. There were 208 accidents involving only property damage and 31 traffic accidents involving injuries. None of the injuries appeared to be life-threatening.

The Durham Emergency Communications Center also received 129 calls about traffic hazards, which mostly involved vehicles stuck in travel lanes. They also received 113 abandoned vehicle calls. Ninety-five percent of the accident, traffic hazard and abandoned vehicle calls came in between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. yesterday.

Durham police officers have been checking abandoned vehicles to make sure that no one is stranded in a vehicle. They have checked on Interstate 85, Interstate 40, Durham Freeway, U.S. 70, N.C. 54 and N.C. 55. Officers are tying yellow ribbons on the mirrors of vehicles that have been checked.

Officers are not having vehicles towed right now unless they are in a travel lane or are causing a major traffic hazard. Drivers whose vehicles were abandoned within the city limits and towed are asked to call the Durham Police Department's main desk at (919) 560-4427. For more information about removing abandoned cars, please go to <https://www.ncdps.gov/NewsRelease.cfm?id=1696>

We are still encouraging people to stay off the roads. Road conditions continue to be treacherous in many areas.